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EXTENDED HOUSING STIMULUS WELCOMED BY INDUSTRY, WITH CALLS FOR MORE ACTION, SAYS CCAA

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The peak body representing the heavy construction materials industry, Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA), has welcomed the McGowan Government's *Building Bonus Program* Extension.

By extending the program, the State Government is ensuring the pipeline of construction will continue into 2022, CCAA says.

The extension comes after industry and homebuyer feedback expressing concerns six months was not enough time to start construction. The grant will now be available to homebuyers who sign prior to December 31, 2020 and commence construction within a one-year period.

According to CCAA's WA State Director, Roger Buckley, the Building Bonus Program is a key component of the WA Recovery Plan.

"It's encouraging to see the McGowan Government listening to stakeholders and providing industry with some certainty in the year to come," he says.

"In May, when this package was first announced, industry warned the private housing construction market would need stronger stimulation. This extension is a good step in the right direction.

"However, Government can and needs to do more. In line with CCAA's WA Policy Priorities, Government can further reduce red tape to encourage the post COVID economic recovery, create more jobs and help maintain the existing workforce.

"We urge the Government to consider fast tracking development applications and approval processes and extended hours for construction site delivery, operation and access."

Mr Buckley says CCAA will continue to work with all levels of government to encourage economic recovery through stimulus, tax relief and regulatory improvement.

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